

PATENT  
Docket No. 63268.US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pierre BERNARD  
Application No.: 10/682,541  
Filed: October 10, 2003  
For: **DEVICE FFOR IMMOBILIZING A CONNECTING ROD IN AN  
OSSEOUS ANCHORING ELEMENT FO A RACHIDIAN IMPLANT**  
Examiner: David COMSTOCK  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Confirmation No. 9717

AMENDMENT B- AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2010. A request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith.

Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.